

Park and Rec Meeting
August 29, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:35PM

Attending: Amy Wilson, Wendy Willis, Alex Niles, Doug Mead, Angus Jennings, Kailin, Brian Richards, Christine Marshall.

Agenda One.

Amy discussed the summer park and rec program. Launch trampoline park was a new addition and well received, Kids had a great time and every week was full except for 4th of July week. No issues a few behavioral issues with the kids but all handled well. The new playground up at the Page has some issues that Angus is addressing it. There was such a large demand that some West Newbury residents were not able to attend. Angus suggests a two-week period of registration for West Newbury residents only. The new water slide was a big hit. We want to have the budget for next year tied up by December 1, 2023. So next month we will start the process with summer rec. Motion to extend the senior center use of the basketball court for pickle ball until 9/28/23. Wendy To write an abutters letter.

Agenda Two

Council of Aging on Pickleball court Started Pickleball on the basketball court. Everyone is excited about it only happens 9 to 11. Wendy Willis suggested using the old basketball court over the water department for potentially 2 pickle ball courts. Alex suggested the old park and rec building at the page school could be torn down and court put there. Angus said that the building is scheduled to be torn down. Discussion ensued. Wendy will contact Sam Joslin, building inspector, to determine if an elevator would be needed.

Agenda Three

Brian Richards discussed the renovations occurring at the snack shack. All the work is done. Roof will need to be done in the near future and vinyl siding and trim that is located in the top half as well. Looking at next spring. Brian Richards will give us an estimate.

Agenda Four Update on Park and Rec part time position. We will offer Doug Sector, the position as a laborer for 16.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Five. Status on field 6 restoration maintenance plan. All agreed that the current condition is good and no additional work needs to be done now. Any future leveling of the fields could be done by DPW to save costs. 15K requisitioned for re grading is not needed and we will let the request sunset.

Agenda Six deferred to September meeting.

Next meeting to look at both buildings and sites at the page TBD

Next regular meeting 9/26/23 at 5:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Willis